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POLYMER SYSTEM FOR USE IN 157 NM RESIST APPLICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above, filed on February 19, 2002. Prior to examination of the application, please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraphs 4, 8, 19, 20, 23-26, 33, 35, 41-44, 44, 45, 48, 50, 55-57, 61, 66, 69, 73, 82-85 and 92 as indicated in Appendix A. The revised paragraphs, with all changes made, are set forth in Appendix B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-66 without prejudice, and add new claims 67-124 as indicated in Appendix C. For completeness, those claims are reproduced below: